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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-18 remain in the application. Claims 1-12 have been allowed. Claims 13-18 have been previously withdrawn.

Rejoinder of method claims 13-18 has been requested.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement in item 2 on the cover page of the Notice of Allowability that claims 1-12 have been allowed.

Applicants do not accept the Examiner's amendment to cancel claims 13-18. Method claims 13-18 should be rejoined upon allowance of the product claims under MPEP 821.04 ("if applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims which depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined") because method claim 13 includes all the limitations of the allowable product claim.

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability allowing all the claims 1-18 is solicited.

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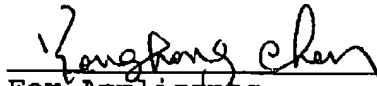
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In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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